

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

HONEY MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the process of gathering nectar and pollen, honeybees pollinate one-third of the food crops we eat, including important North Carolina crops such as blueberries, peaches, apples, melons, cucumbers, squash, numerous other vegetables; and

WHEREAS, the value of honey produced and sold in North Carolina exceeds \$15 million each year and the value of honeybee pollination to North Carolina crops exceeds \$185 million; and

WHEREAS, honey, royal jelly, propolis and other products from the hive have been known to possess significant healing characteristics dating back to the ancient Greeks' early practice of medicine and continue to play important roles in research today; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina with some 10,000 hobbyist beekeepers has the largest number of individual beekeepers in the nation and the all-volunteer North Carolina State Beekeepers Association is the largest organization of its kind in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the honeybee faces serious threats to its very survival as result of pests, uncertain weather and suburban growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2008, as "**HONEY MONTH**" in North Carolina and urge that all citizens of this state observe this month by learning more about the honeybee and how it impacts our lives.



A stylized, handwritten signature of Michael F. Easley.
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-sixth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.